

Rehabilitation Services

Driver Rehabilitation Program (FAQ)



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DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

DO I NEED A DOCTOR'S ORDER?

A physician order is required, including medical diagnosis, in order to schedule your appointment. Ideally the physician should fax or direct the order directly to our facility. We will coordinate our services with your physician to give us a clear picture of your diagnosis/medical history and what services will most benefit you. A demographics sheet will be requested if one does not accompany the order. We do accept referrals from Vocational Rehabilitation and various community resources and work to coordinate appropriate services for clients.

WHAT WILL THE EVALUATION CONSIST OF?

The two-part evaluation consists of a clinical skills assessment and reaction test in a driving simulator. If appropriate, the second portion of the evaluation, behind the wheel skills evaluation, will be completed. Both evaluations are done with an Occupational Therapist and Driver Rehabilitation Specialist.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EVALUATION?

You will likely have one or more of the following recommendations:

1. Safe to drive
2. Unsafe to drive
3. Adaptive equipment required to drive
4. Driver's training for new drivers/adaptive equipment training
5. Restricted driving to geographical location, time of day, speed, etc.
6. An additional driving session in patient's familiar area to assess if restricted driving is a viable option. (Additional charge of \$80 an hour plus drive time – approximately \$120 will be charged)

The Occupational Therapist will discuss your overall results with you and will send a report to you and your physician. All recommendations require physician approval and release. If modifications are to be made to your vehicle, we will send the results to the vendor of your choice and work with you and the vendor as needed.

MUST I HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR LEARNER'S PERMIT?

A driver's license or learner's permit is required for the initial evaluation. If driver training is recommended, you must have at least a learner's permit to participate. Out-of-state licenses are also accepted.

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VISION REQUIREMENTS

Please contact us with specific questions if vision may be an issue.

DOES INSURANCE PAY FOR THE EVALUATION?

Your insurance company will not be billed for driver rehabilitation services. Insurance companies typically do not deem driving a medical necessity. Payment will be expected at the time of services. Payments will be accepted in the form of cash, credit card, or check made payable to CHI.

Fees are as follows:

- In-clinic evaluation is \$210
- Behind-the-wheel evaluation is \$140

We accept payment from outside sources including Vocational Rehabilitation, Workers Compensation and other outside funding sources if pre-approved.

WHAT TYPE OF ADDITIONAL TRAINING IS AVAILABLE?

You may be given the option for behind the wheel training to improve skills for return to driving. The fee for training is \$80.00 an hour. Details will be discussed after you evaluation if this may be an option for you. For certain clients, an additional driving session may be warranted to assess if restricted driving is safe. This is not considered a “training session.”

WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO DO THE EVALUATION?

It is always your choice to not complete the evaluation. However, your doctor will be notified of this decision. Depending on your physician and the reason for not completing the evaluation, they may choose to involve the Department of Motor Vehicles which could lead to suspension/revocation of your license until you complete the evaluation. Ask your physician about possible consequences in not completing the driver’s evaluation.

PROGRAM STAFF

The CHI Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Driver Evaluation and Training program has provided nationally recognized services for over 30 years. Evaluations are provided by occupational therapists with extensive background assessing individuals with varying cognitive and physical abilities. All staff is certified through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. The therapist works closely with the family and physician, to ensure the most appropriate services are provided for each individual.

CANCELATION OR FAILURE TO SHOW FOR APPOINTMENT POLICY

Because of the limited availability of appointment times and the work involved with scheduling, we ask you give adequate notice (at least 24-hours) if you are unable to make your appointment. Please call as soon as you know you will not be able to attend your appointment. If you are calling after hours, you may cancel by calling (402) 572-2327.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information please **Call: (402)572-3055.**

To make a referral please **Fax: (402)572-2829** with a physician order and demographic sheet.